Announcement of the Personnel of the Committee on Petitions.

Mr. SPEAKER (The Hon'ble Sri V. Venkatappa.)—Under Rule 97 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly, the following Members will form the Committee on Petitions :—

1. Sri G. Narayana Gowda.
2. Janab Mohamed Valiulla.
3. Sri M. Huche Gowda.
4. ,, M. Muniswamy.

According to the same Rule, the Deputy Speaker will be the Chairman of the Committee.

Statement by Hon'ble Speaker *re*: Incorrect reporting in the 'Tainadu.'

Mr. SPEAKER (The Hon'ble Sri V. Venkatappa.)—On the 2nd June 1951, during question hour, when supplementaries were being put on a question relating to cases pending with the Anti-corruption and Efficiency Audit Officer, Sri M. Govinda Reddy asked the following supplementary :—

"Has there been any complaint against the Director of Archæology ?"

to which the Hon'ble Finance Minister gave the following reply.—

"Yes, there seems to be some complaint."

In reporting the proceedings of the Assembly of that day, the 'Tainadu' reported that the Hon'ble Minister had stated that some complaints appeared to have been received in respect of the Director of Geology (ಭೂಗರ್ಭಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಡೈರೆಕ್ಟರು). The attention of the Editor having been drawn to this incorrect reporting, a correction was issued and featured prominently in that newspaper on the 30th June 1951.

I am merely bringing these facts to the notice of the Hon'ble Members so that the correction may have publicity. As the Director of Geology is not a member of this Assembly and has no means of getting the mistake corrected, I considered it only fair to that officer to make this statement.

Request to fix a time-limit for Supplementaries to Questions.

Mushir-ul-Mulk J. MOHAMED IMAM (Chitaldrug *cum* Tumkur—Muslim).—Regarding questions I would like the Chair to see that as many of them are taken up and answered. I submit to the Chair to fix a time for supplementaries to each question and not to allow a question to be taken up for indefinite time. In fact fixing a time-limit is being done elsewhere. Except in regard to important questions, I would appeal to the Chair to exercise some vigilance and see that some time-limit is fixed.

Mr. SPEAKER (The Hon'ble Sri V. Venkatappa).—Whatever question may be unimportant to me may be important to others.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I think the Hon'ble Speaker is expected to know all that having such long experience We do credit him with that discretion.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA (Minister for Finance and Industries).—And the Hon'ble Member will not raise any objection if his question is guillotined ?

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I am a man to act up to my words.

Request for a Clarifying Statement on elections in Mysore State.

Mushir-ul-Mulk J. MOHAMED IMAM (Chitaldrug *cum* Tumkur—Muslim).—Another submission I want to make. When the question with regard to elections was taken up there were some supplementaries and answers. That question is the burning topic of the day for members on this side and for those who are not connected with the Government. They are anxious to know what steps are taken to help the public know during the elections, specially as regards the mode of voting. Because, a new experiment is going to be adopted and many people do not know much about it. So I would request the Hon'ble Minister for Law to make a short statement before the

House as to the steps taken by them for holding elections and also as regards the precautions taken to see that all the people in the State know the system of voting. I read in newspapers that a mock election was held in Thippagondanahalli. Holding mock elections does not help the voters. In fact I myself do not know what the new system is. It is new to the voters and they have to identify the marks. There is a good deal of confusion regarding the assignment of symbols. Some parties who came first have chosen some symbols which are very clear to the people and the symbols selected by some parties were not accepted. For example the Janata Party had asked Chatri to be allotted as the symbol of their party but the Government were not agreeable to allot that symbol and they were asked to select some other symbol and it may not be a symbol. I therefore humbly submit to the Hon'ble Minister to make a brief statement as to the steps taken by them. They may also invite our opinions and we will give perfectly constructive suggestions as to what should be done, what is to be the mode of voting and what are the difficulties in the proposed system. I think the Government can fix a date and invite opinions from all sections of the people.

Sri D. H. CHANDRASEKHARAIYA (Chitaldrug District—General.)—Under the existing rules members can put in any subject for discussion after the close of the regular business of the day and the Hon'ble Law Minister may please furnish necessary information on the subject.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I also thought of that procedure. Government may agree to it or not. That is why it would be more graceful if the Hon'ble Law Minister himself makes a statement.

Mr. SPEAKER (The Hon'ble Sri V. Venkatappa).—He is willing to make a statement.

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM (Minister for Law and Labour).—I would be very willing to make a statement about the arrangements we have made regarding the elections to be held all over the State in January 1952. I shall make a statement as desired by my friend on the 11th, the next day we sit, if the Chair permits. I shall make the statement any time convenient to the Chair and we may have discussion over it. Government will welcome suggestions from members so that elections may be held as efficiently as we all desire.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Thank the Hon'ble Minister very much.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Shimoga District—General).—Is it possible to hold mock elections in the Dasara Exhibition?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—About mock elections, a short notice question has been tabled by Sri H. C. Linga Reddy and it may be permitted to be answered on the floor of the House. While answering I will be able to state what we mean by "mock elections" and where we hold them. In passing I may mention that we have had one in Thippagondanahalli on the 29th September and we are going to hold another in Nanjangud on the 11th. In every district we have asked the Deputy Commissioner to hold one or more mock elections in that district so that the people may familiarise themselves and the officers also.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—One or two mock elections may be held in the Exhibition also where people all over the State will be visiting.

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—I will consider whether that is feasible.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

Ordinances laid on the Table.

Mr. SPEAKER (The Hon'ble Sri V. Venkatappa).—There are two or three ordinances to be laid on the Table and the Hon'ble Ministers concerned will lay them.

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM. (Minister for Law and Labour).—Sir, I lay on the Table of the House the Mysore Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1951 (Mysore Ordinance No. II of 1951) and the Mysore Transfer of